(e) whether the officers are eligible to visit abroad with above clearance of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act and without approval of Screening Committee or Secretaries of Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consultation with various groups of J&K

.1631. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government initiated process of consultation with various political groups of J&K outside Hurriyat by holding series of meetings in Delhi in February, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome to those meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have initiated the process of consultations with various groups including political groups in J &K about the ways and means to be adopted to bring about all round development of Jammu and Kashmir and to solve the existing problems faced by the people.

Talks regarding autonomy to J&K

1632. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

SHRI MOTIAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently have set up a committee to talk with political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on granting more autonomy to the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the committee and the parameters under which talks would be held?